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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 277

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1. The following were present:

Mr. D. J. Clinton	State
Mr. R. S. Kain	State
Mr. J. A. Minogue	Army
Capt. T. M. Peterson	Navy
Mr. H. P. Noland	Navy
Lt. Col. H. K. Avery	Air Force
Mr. Chas. P. Berney	Air Force
25X1A9a [REDACTED]	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)
	CIA (Secretary)

On behalf of the Committee, the chairman welcomed Captain Peterson, the newly appointed Senior Navy member.

2. Revision of IAC-D-45/12

The State member submitted a memorandum dated 29 September 1958 changing State's previous position (refer to Item 5 NCM 276), and proposing that NIS 53 (Egypt) and NIS 54 (Sudan) be removed from the list of controlled areas in Part I, Tab A, of IAC-D-45/12, the list otherwise to remain unchanged. The Committee approved the proposal.

The chairman noted that the Committee had now considered and approved all matters relating to the revision of Part I of IAC-D-45/12. He further proposed that Part II of that document, relating to the dissemination of NIS to non-intelligence departments and agencies, be deleted since the NIS Committee has been delegated authority for such dissemination (refer to Item 4 NCM 216), and actions relating thereto are fully reported in the proceedings of the Committee. The members were requested to examine the proposal with their agencies and report at the next meeting.

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5. NIS Production Forecast

The chairman referred to the Preliminary NIS Production Forecast for Fiscal Years 1960-61-62 and the OBI review comments which were transmitted to the members on 23 September 1958 (refer to Item 5 NCM 271). He noted that the total NIS commitment of all agencies is well below previous schedules and amounts to 479 sections for FY 1960, 482 for FY 1961, and 480 for FY 1962 as compared to the JCS requirement of 8 equivalent NIS per year or a total of 496 sections. He requested the members to re-examine their schedules and augment them at least to the extent of the JCS requirement.

6. Changes in NIS Production Schedule

The Committee approved a request from the Air Force member for re-adjustment, without affecting the yearly commitment, in the FY 1959 NIS Production Schedule on the basis of justification set forth in memorandum dated 19 September 1958. These changes will appear in Change Sheet No. 2 (refer to Item 4 NCM 271).

7. Current Production Matters

The State member reported that Section 44 on NIS 50A (Ghana), inactive since 29 July 1958 because of various delays (refer to Item 7 NCM 276), will be ready for final review conference on 1 October. He also reported that Section 58 on NIS 38 (Burma), inactive since 20 August 1958 because of delay in receipt of field comments and subsequent re-assignment of analyst, will be completed in the near future.

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The chairman replied that paragraph 3 of Part I, IAC-D-45/12, set forth the Intelligence Board's policy, which specifically required the attaches to retain physical custody of such NIS as were made available to authorized foreign representatives. He further observed that any proposal for modifying that policy should be directed to the Intelligence Board since it transcended the level of Committee responsibility.

10. NIS Use Survey

The State member distributed copies of "A Study of the Use of the NIS in the Field" dated 5 August 1958, which contains an analysis of replies received from a State-initiated questionnaire sent to Foreign Service posts throughout the world. He asked that the Committee study the document and discuss it at a later meeting, since it contained recommendations that will require Committee consideration.

11. Other Matters

a. The chairman informed the members that the next Intelligence Products Exhibit will be held on 30 October 1958, and requested that nominations for attendance from the member agencies be submitted to the secretary by 16 October.

b. The chairman read to the Committee a memorandum (USIB-D-1./2) dated 19 September 1958 from the Executive Secretary, USIB, and the related document (IAC-D-112/3) dated 19 August 1958 on the subject: "Continuity of Regular Intelligence-Community Functions Following Establishment of a Single U.S. Intelligence Board." In particular, he drew attention to the requirement for the Committee to consider whether any changes in its existing organization or functions may be appropriate under the new Intelligence Board frame of reference. He requested the matter be considered at the next meeting so that he could render the required report by 1 November 1958.

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c. The vice chairman spoke at some length concerning the use of [REDACTED] reports and the kinds of intelligence collection support which the Contact Division, Office of Operations, can render to the NIS agencies through its field contacts. He observed that in some cases it can tap unique sources, in other cases the information may be supplementary to other sources. He added that specific requests for this service are directed through the regularly established interagency collection channels.

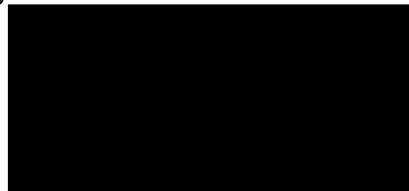
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d. The Army member noted that the new title of ACSI, "Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Headquarters, Department of the Army," is to be used in the contributor statements of all NIS units carrying a date of June 1958 or later.

e. The State member said his agency was dissatisfied with the present title of Section 57 (Subversive) in that it is ambiguous and not sufficiently comprehensive to cover the section content. He requested that the members give the matter consideration for subsequent discussion.

12. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 14 October 1958.

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